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4. (Amended claim 5) A flat-folded face mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein said ~~filtering means includes the main body~~ first portion and second portion of the face mask are made of filtering sheet material, acting as filtering means.

5. (Amended claim 6) A flat-folded face mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein said first and second portion ~~filtering means includes a filter part integrated in the main body~~ of the face mask are made of non-permeable material and said filtering means include a filter part integrated in the first and second portion of the face mask.

6. (Amended claim 7) A flat-folded face mask as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 6 wherein said filter part can be replaced by the wearer ~~filtering means includes a user-replaceable filter part~~

7. (Amended claim 14) The personal respiratory face mask according to claim ~~12~~ 3, wherein ~~the elastic headband or ear-loop means for securing the face mask body~~ can be attached and released from the mask body by the wearer.

8. (Amended claim 15) The personal respiratory face mask according to claim ~~12~~ 1-7, wherein stiffeners are incorporated into the ~~mask body first portion and second portion of from said common edge toward the face in the same elevation as said force (F) applied, reinforcing to reinforce~~ the mask body where stress is strongest and allowing the rest of the mask body to be more flexible.

9. (Amended claim 8) A process for making the flat-folded personal respiratory face mask as claimed in claim 1 comprising:
first step of folding a roll of sheet material along the length of the sheet material;
second step of welding the folded sheet material along a pre-defined edge; and
third step of cutting the shape of the face mask in the flat-folded configuration out of the roll of sheet material.

10. (Amended claim 9) The process for making the flat-folded ~~personal respiratory~~ face mask as claimed in claim ~~8~~ [[7]] wherein said roll of sheet material includes at least two layers.

11. (Amended claim 10) ~~The~~ A process for making the flat-folded ~~personal respiratory~~ face mask as claimed in claim 1 comprising:
folding a flat sheet material;
welding the folded sheet material along a pre-defined edge; and
cutting the shape of the face mask in the flat-folded configuration out of the sheet material.

12. (Amended claim 11) The process for making the flat-folded ~~personal respiratory~~ face mask as claimed in claim ~~10~~ [[9]] wherein said sheet material includes as least two layers.

claims 12,13 and claims 16-24 has been dropped